

**PATENT**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: **Hiroyuki HYODO et al.**

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For: **SOLID MATERIAL GASIFICATION METHOD, THIN FILM FORMATION  
PROCESS AND APPARATUSES**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.